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REFS: A. COCOM DOC 1362/7

B. COCOM DOC 1362/6

C. STATE 271053

D. TTG REPORT OF JUNE 16, 1975

E. TTG REPORT OF JUNE 17, 1975

F. DEFENSE MEMO OF JULY 11, 1975

G. COCOM DOC 1362/5

1. BRITISH PROPOSAL (DUPLICATING THAT PASSED TO DEPARTMENT BY UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON MINUS SECOND PAGE STATEMENT ON POWER AMPLIFIERS) TABLED IN COCOM AT START OF NOV. 18 DISCUSSIONS ON IL 1362 AND LABELED COCO DOC. 1362/7 (REF A). UNDER RULING FROM CHAIRMAN THAT LAST RECEIVED PROPOSAL IS DISCUSSED FIRST, IT WAS GIVEN PRECEDENCE OVER US COUNTERPROPOSAL DATED OCT. 22 (REF B). UPSHOT OF DISCUSSIONS WAS THAT ALL DELS PRESENT (CANADA, ITALY, AND BELGIUM WERE ABSENT ALL DAY) PREFERRED THE UK PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT WAS BETTER ADAPTED TO TECHNICAL REALITIES (GERMANY), WAS BETTER STRUCTURED(JAPAN), DELETED POWER
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AMPLIFIERS (NETHERLANDS), AND APPARENTLY ON JUST PLAIN

GENERAL PRINCIPLES (FRANCE).

2. USDEL READ INTO THE RECORD US CONCERNS RE (1) COUPLING OF THRUSTERS, (2) REASONS FOR OUR 9,000 POUND THRUST PARAMETER, (3) JUSTIFICATION FOR POWER AMPLIFIERS, AND (4) REASONS FOR COVERAGE OF MODAL SURVEY SYSTEMS AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT, BY DRAWING ON DATA CONTAINED IN REFS C THROUGH F. USDEL ALSO NOTED THAT THE TOTAL ACCUMULATED POUNDS THRUST OF THREE 13,500 POUND THRUSTERS, AS PROPOSED BY UK, WOULD BE AROUND 40,000 POUNDS, ABOVE THE 36,000 POUND REGION WHICH US BELIEVES TO BE THE BEGINNING OF THE AREA OF STRATEGIC CONCERN. FRENCH HIT AT POWER AMPLIFIER ASPECT OF US PROPOSAL, GAMET INSISTING THAT SUCH AMPLIFIERS WERE NOT EMBARGOED UNDER 1521 OR ELSEWHERE, AND AT US SUB-ITEMS (3) AND (4) WHICH GAMET CLAIMED WOULD EMBARGO EQUIPMENT NOW FREE, SUCH AS SMALL SENSORS, DEVICES FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF MECHANICAL IMPEDANCE, AND (IF WE UNDERSTOOD HIM CORRECTLY) STREET PAVEMENT TESTERS. FOR THESE REASONS IN PARTICULAR, FRANCE ENTERED A STRONG RESERVE ON THE US PROPOSAL. RE COUPLING OF THRUSTERS, GAMET REPOSTED WITH BELIEF THAT THE COUPLING OR PHASING OF 13,500 POUND THRUSTERS HAD LIMITATIONS AND, THEREFORE, THEY WERE NOT OF STRATEGIC CONCERN. USDEL WAS UNABLE TO PRESENT TECHNICALLY-SUPPORTED REBUTTAL TO ATTACKS ON POWER AMPLIFIER PARAMETER (AND WHAT WE SAID WAS NOT APPARENTLY ACCEPTED AS GERMANE).

3. UKDEL IN JUSTIFYING BRITISH PROPOSAL NOTED SIMILARITY IN APPROACH TO US PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THEIR SUB-ITEMS (2)(II) AND (2)(III). BRITISH SHARED THE FRENCH VIEW RE THE EFFECTS OF COUPLING 13,500 POUND THRUSTERS. THEY RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF COMPUTERIZED MODAL SURVEY SYSTEMS BUT CONSIDERED THEM TO BE ONLY ONE EXAMPLE OF EQUIPMENT IN THIS AREA. THEIR SUB-ITEM (2)(II) WENT FURTHER IN CONTROLLING THESE DEVICES THAN DID THE US PROPOSAL, THEY SAID. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT THEIR (2)(III) WOULD NOT EXTEND THE EMBARGO AS FEARED BY THE FRENCH AND THAT THEIR 13,500 POUND THRUST PARAMETER WAS MODEST COMPARED TO THEIR EARLIER 22,500 PARAMETER. CONFIDENTIAL

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THEY ARGUED THAT UNDER THEIR PROPOSAL POWER AMPLIFIERS WOULD NOT BE EMBARGOED. UK ALSO REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE US WAS IN AD REF RE ITS REVISED PROPOSAL COVERED BY REF G AND STATED THAT ITS PRESENT PROPOSAL (REF A) REPRESENTS WHAT IT CONSIDERS AN ACCEPTABLE COMMITMENT.

4. ALL DELEGATIONS PRESENT EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR THE

UK PROPOSAL (REF A) AND RESERVED ON THE US PROPOSAL (REF

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B). US IN TURN RESERVED ON THE UK PROPOSAL, MAINTAIN-
ING ITS OWN PROPOSAL. CHAIRMAN HAS RESCHEDULED IL 1362
FOR DEC. 11.

5. COMMENT: ASSESSMENT OF USDEL AND WASHINGTON TEAM IS
THAT THE BRITISH HAVE CAPTURED THE FIELD INSOFAR AS IL
1362 IS CONCERNED. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE MAJOR POINT
SEPARATING THE TWO PROPOSALS IS THE POUND THRUST AND THE
ATTENDING POWER AMPLIFIER PARAMETERS. (WE BELIEVE LATTER
CANNOT BE SUSTAINED IN FACE OF UNIFIED OPPOSITION
WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF A TECHNICAL EXPERT TO DEFEND
ITS IMPORTANCE ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS.) THE UK INDICATED
TO US BEFORE THE
DISCUSSION THAT IT ATTACHES SERIOUS
IMPORTANCE TO ITS 13,500 POUNDS THRUST PARAMETER AND RE-
ITERATED IT AFTER THE DISCUSSION. THE BRITISH POINTED
OUT THAT 13,550 IS THEIR OTTOM FIGURE. THERE APPEARS
TO BE NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISE HERE. THE ISSUE OF IL
1362 IS A LONG-STANDING PROBLEM AND WE BELIEVE (1) THE
COMMITTEE IS GETTING TIRED OF IT AND (2) THE UK HAS COME
MORE THAN HALFWAY TO REACH WHAT IT CONSIDERS A FAIR COM-

PROMISE. IN OUR OPINION, THE UK PROPOSAL APPEARS TO
ACCOMPLISH MORE RE THE COVERAGE OF MODAL SURVEY SYSTEMS
THAN OURS AND THE UK PROPOSAL RE SPECIALIZED ANCILLARY
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EQUIPMENT HAS A BETTER CHANCE OF COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE
THAN OURS. THE ISSUE, AS WE SEE IT, IS WHETHER TO COM-
PROMISE ON 13,500 AND GAIN THE COVERAGE WE DESIRE IN
OUR SUB-ITEMS (3) AND (4) NOW THAT THE UK HAS ACCEPTED
OUR LEVELS IN NOISE SYSTEMS-- OUR SUB-ITEM (2), THEIR
SUB-ITEM (2)(I). WE BELIEVE THAT SETTling AT LESS THAN
13,500 WILL RESULT IN THE CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT
DEFINITION OF IL 1362.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ISSUES LISTED
ABOVE BEFORE THE DEC. 11 RESCHEDULING OF IL 1362.
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